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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph on Page 10, after "FIG. 2" with the following:

"FIG. 3 is a schematic illustration of an armored vehicle having a plurality of openings therein; and

FIG. 4 is a perspective view, partially exploded, of an armor plate adapted for attachment to said vehicle to cover said opening(s)."

Please insert the following paragraph on Page 11, after paragraph 2 with the following:

Referring now more particularly to Figure 4 there is illustrated a vehicle 2 with a plurality of openings 16, 18, 20 in one side thereof. A composite armor plate 4 is shown positioned to be lowered into place to cover the opening 18 and is adapted to be attached to the side of the vehicle 2 to protect the occupants from incoming projectiles. Similar armor plates would be used to cover the openings 16 and 18 and are shown in position on the forward portion of the vehicle. Obviously similar armor plates would be used on the other surface of the vehicle.

As shown in Figure 4, to which reference is hereby made, there is shown in greater detail the armor plate 4. As is therein shown, the armor plate 4, which may be constructed as described with respect to Figure 2, is adapted to be attached to the vehicle by way of fasteners 22 which are received in openings 23 in the frame 25 to engage openings 24 in the plate 4 to form the attachment means 14 to secure the armor plate to the vehicle 2. Obviously the frame(s) 25 may be attached to the vehicle 2 prior to inserting the armor plate therein or alternatively the plate and frame may be assembled and secured in place on the vehicle 2.